



Area 4 Developmental Disabilities Board

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Area Board Meeting

The Area 4 Board will hold its next public meeting at **6:00 pm, Thursday, January 17, 2013** at the Solano County Office of Education, 5100 Business Center Drive, Fairfield, CA.

- **Update on Sonoma Developmental Center by SDC's Interim Director, Patricia Flannery**
- **Presentation on Resources Supporting Transition from High School to Adult Life and Employment by Sharon Galloway, UC Davis, MIND Institute**
- **Governor Brown's Proposed Budget for 2013-14**

To view the meeting notice/agenda, click on [Agenda](#).

Press Release on Troubles at Sonoma Developmental Center

Disability Rights California (DRC) issued a [press release](#) on December 13, 2013 after announcement by the Department of Public Health that it was initiating actions to decertify Sonoma Developmental Center and revoke the facility's license as an Intermediate Care Facility.

The press release has cogent comment and recommendations on the troubled situation at Sonoma Developmental Center over abuse and neglect of clients living at the Center near Glen Ellen in Sonoma County.

Guide to the State Budget Process

California Budget Project (CBP) has published an informative [Guide to State Budget process](#).

CBP states that the Guide, “...defines important terms, lays out the budget timeline, and covers the roles and responsibilities of the Governor, the Legislature, and other key players. This in-depth -- yet accessible -- presentation is intended as a resource for new as well as more experienced budget watchers.”

Governor Brown will present his budget at 10:00 am, Thursday, January 10, 2013. It will be webcast at www.calchannel.com.

LAO's Fiscal Outlook for California

The [Legislative Analyst's Office](#) published their outlook for the fiscal condition of the state which shows that, “...**California's budget situation has improved sharply**. The state's economic recovery, prior budget cuts, and the additional, temporary taxes provided by Proposition 30 have combined to bring California to a promising moment: the possible end of a decade of acute state budget challenges. Our economic and budgetary forecast indicates that **California's leaders face a dramatically smaller budget problem in 2013-14 compared to recent years**. Furthermore, assuming steady economic growth and restraint in augmenting current program funding levels, there is a strong possibility of multibillion-dollar operating surpluses within a few years.”

LAO's Overview of Special Education

The Legislative Analyst's Office has also published an [Overview of Special Education](#) to, “...provide the Legislature and public with an overview of special education in California conveying information on special education laws, affected students, services, funding, and academic outcomes.”

Temple Grandin Video

Temple Grandin says she is what she does. Her autism is important but secondary to what defines her which is her work as a scientist. Don't be defined by a label, get out and do stuff”, she exclaims on this [Temple Grandin Video](#).

Youth Leadership Forum

"CALIFORNIA YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Attention High School Juniors & Seniors We Invite You to **Apply to Attend the Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) for Students with Disabilities**

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YLF is held in Sacramento. Students will get to stay in the dorms on campus at California State University, Sacramento.

The 2013 Youth Leadership Forum will occur July 22-26, 2013.

Information on how to apply is at this link, [Youth Leadership Forum](#)

Sonoma County Transition Fair

The 5th Annual **Sonoma County TRANSITION FAIR**

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Sonoma County Office Of Education

5340 Skylane Blvd., Santa Rosa

Spanish Interpreters Available

Questions: Contact Bob at RSpeckel@dor.ca.gov or (707)576---2530.
